(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Karnataka

1942. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many residential schools for girls have been set up in Karnataka under Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya, a special scheme; and

(c) how many educationally backward blocks having low female literacy and predominant SC/ST population have been covered under the National Programme for Education of Girls at elementary level in Karnataka under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya is yet to be approved by the Central Government.

(c) Proposals for Central assistance under the Programme are yet to be received from Government of Karnataka.

Educationally backward districts

†1943. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified educationally backward districts especially in SC/ST dominated areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government for the development of educationally backward districts during current Five Year Plan; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.